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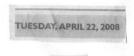
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## ECONOMIC GROWTH

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## Sulu beach cleanup yields 650 kilos garbage

PATIKUL, SULU—AMERICANS about 650 kilos of solid wastes families dependent on fishing, and Filipinos yesterday joined collected along the Lintayon but also established communihands in cleaning the shores of Lintayon Beach in the village of Umangay here.

States Agency for International Development (USAID) Deputy Chief of Mission, said she was happy to see villagers concerned about protecting and tion. preserving the marine life.

officials as well as the communities on environment protec-tion," Washington said. (Amore). Washing

their regular Joint Balikatan activities to assist villagers in coastal clean up.

Beach in just a few hours.

Armed with yellow and or-Jimangay here.

Elzaida Washington, United ings "Save Sulu Sea," black ings "Save Sulu brooms, military, local government officials and villagers gave their share for clean up opera-

Washington also helped by "It's heartwarming to see picking plastic waste togeth- the anti-terror campaign. these efforts working in collab-oration with local government alliance for Mindanao Off-munity build water wells so

American and Filipino mili- will continue extending pro- people," Coultrup said. tary forces took a break from grams here that are environ-

Tetchie Cruz-Capellan, chief of Amore Philippines, said The activity, dubbed Ba-likatan for Earth Day, yielded renewable energies for poor

"We were able to contribute

Col. William Coultrup, US Armed Forces commander in the Philippines, said the US troops in the Philippines, particularly those who are in Sulu, are not only preoccupied with

Renewable Energy people here will get clean and fresh water, and clean water Washington said the USAID means better health care for the

> "We are showing support to the community, we really want to come out today to show our cooperation," Coultrup Julie S. Alipala, Inquirer Min-



CHILDREN join the Sulu Sea clean-up in Litayon Beach, Barangay Umangay, Patikul, Sulu.

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